

What is claimed:

1. A method for providing images, the method comprising:  
receiving at least one search result, the search result  
comprising an image;  
determining a usability of the image according to visual  
characteristics of the image; and  
assigning a new rank to the search result in response to the  
usability of the image.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein determining a usability  
comprises determining a number of edges for the image.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein determining a usability  
comprises determining a number of segments for the image.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein determining a usability  
comprises determining a number of colors for the image.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein determining a usability  
comprises determining a file format for the image.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the usability comprises a  
similarity to previously acquired images.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the usability comprises an ease  
of modification for the image.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the usability comprises a  
similarity to an image style.
9. A computer program product, stored on a computer readable  
medium, and including computer executable instructions for  
controlling a processor to provide images, the instructions  
comprising:

receiving at least one search result, the search result comprising an image;  
determining a usability of the image according to visual characteristics of the image; and  
assigning a new rank to the search result in response to the usability of the image.

10. The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a number of edges for the image.

11. The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a number of segments for the image.

12. The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a number of colors for the image.

13. The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a file format for the image.

14. The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a number of intensity peaks for the image.

15. The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the usability comprises an ease of modification for the image.

16. The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to an image style.

17. A system for providing an image to a user, the system comprising:

a search result comprising an image; and

a reorder module configured to:

determine a usability of the image associated with the search result according to visual characteristics of the image;

and

assign a new rank to the search result in response to the usability.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein determining the usability comprises determining a number of edges for the image.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein determining a usability comprises determining a number of segments for the image.

20. The system of claim 17, wherein determining a usability comprises determining a number of colors for the image.

21. The system of claim 17, wherein determining a usability comprises determining a file format for the image.

22. The system of claim 17, wherein determining a usability comprises determining a number of intensity peaks for the image.

23. The system of claim 17, further comprising a conversion module configured to represent the image as a plurality of vectors, the vectors representing line segments within the image.

24. The system of claim 17, wherein the usability comprises an a similarity to previously acquired images.

25. The system of claim 17, wherein the usability comprises an ease of modification for the image.

26. The system of claim 17, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to an image style.